

Washington State Credentialing Requirements

Pharmacist

(Chapter 18.64 RCW, and 246-863 and 246-861 WAC)

Type of Credential:

License

DOH Contact:

Customer Service Center - 360-236-4700

Credentialing Requirements	Verification Documents Obtained
New ACPE graduate and all other applicants The following requirements apply to all methods of licensure	
Application and supporting documents	Completed application signed by the applicant.
Work history (professional training and experience)	Must have a complete listing of professional education and experience including college or university, and a complete chronology of practice history from the date of graduation to present, whether or not engaged in activities related to pharmacy.
North American Pharmacy Licensure Examination & Multistate Jurisprudence Examination	Exams administered by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy
HIV/AIDS training	Attest to seven hours of HIV/AIDS education
Statement about: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• physical and mental health status• lack of impairment due to chemical dependency/substance abuse• history of loss of license, certification or registration• felony convictions• loss or limitations of privileges• disciplinary actions• professional liability claims history	<p>Applicant must answer personal data questions. An appropriate explanation and required documentation must be sent with positive answers. If there is a positive answer to the professional liability claims history question, the applicant must send an explanation of the nature of the case, data and summary of care given, copies of the original complaint, and the settlement or final disposition. If pending, applicant must indicate status.</p> <p>All past and current credentials, licenses, certifications, or registrations must be verifiable via the internet or a verification form is required. The verification form is included in each application packet.</p>
• Additional Requirements by Application Type	
ACPE Graduate	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Official transcript sent directly from the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) accredited school or college of pharmacy (proof of graduation).• Certification of 1500 Internship hours• Preceptor evaluation form (Washington State Students only)• Intern site evaluation report form (Washington State Students only)

License Transfer/Reciprocity only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Official NABP application - Must transfer licensure through pharmacy national clearinghouse to which all states and territories submit disciplinary actions. <p>Note: applicants for license transfer originally licensed in California or Florida prior to January 2004 and Florida prior to November 2001 that have not sat for the NAPLEX must take and pass the NAPLEX before a WA license is issued.</p>
Licensure by Score Transfer only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Official transcript sent directly from the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) accredited school or college of pharmacy (proof of graduation). • NABP score transfer report • Certification of 1500 Internship hours • Preceptor evaluation form • Intern site evaluation report form
Foreign Graduate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All non-English documents must be translated before sending copies to the department. • Copy of diploma • FPGEE – Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Equivalency Exam score letter • FPGEE - Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Equivalency Committee Certificate • TOEFL iBT – Test of English as a Foreign Language • FPGEE score determines number of Internship hours required up to 1500. (Reciprocity and score transfer applicants must provide verification of internship hours from the state board of pharmacy. • Preceptor evaluation form (may be required if applying by reciprocity or score transfer and intern hours are completed in Washington State). • Intern site evaluation report form (may be required if applying by reciprocity or score transfer and intern hours are completed in Washington State).

Process for Approving/Denying Applications

Credentialing staff review the application and supporting documents to make an initial determination on eligibility. Credentialing supervisors approve applications that do not have positive answers to personal data questions, have questionable verifying documents, or are otherwise “red flag” applications. Red flag applications are forwarded to the exception application process for determination by the appropriate disciplining authority. An applicant will be formally notified of a denial and has the opportunity for a hearing.

Renewal Requirements

Pharmacists must renew their license annually on or before their birthday. Licensee must submit a fee and a signed statement indicating 15 credit hours of pharmacy related continuing education has been earned during the previous year.